

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-8 and 10-14 are pending in this application, with Claims 1, 8, 12 and 13 being independent claims.

It is gratefully acknowledged that Claims 1, 3-8, 10-11 and 14 are allowed.

Claims 12-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wendorff et al. (U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No.2003/0157957) in view of Sharp (US Pat. No. 7,120,474).

Claims 12-13 are amended. No new subject matter is presented.

Regarding the rejection of Claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), the Examiner states that Wendorff et al. in view of Sharp renders the claim obvious. Amended Claim 12 teaches, in part, a wireless cell phone comprising a handset having a slide latch; and *a keypad assembly removably coupled to the handset, the keypad assembly having a latch slot engaging the slide latch, the keypad assembly being latched into the handset by the slide latch.*

Wendorff et al. discloses a wireless cell phone 100 comprising a handset 120 (FIG. 1); and a keypad assembly 110 removably coupled to the handset 120 (FIGs. 1 and 6-7, par [0021, 0023, 0028, 0040]). Wendorff et al. discloses nowhere the handset 120 having a slide latch. Neither the keypad assembly 100 of Wendorff et al. has a latch slot engaging a slide latch so that the keypad assembly 100 can be latched in the handset 120 by the slide latch. By contrast, the handset of the present application has a slide latch 29 (FIGs. 8-9) and the keypad assembly has a latch slot (FIG. 8) so that the keypad assembly is latched into the handset by the slide latch 29 (FIG. 9). Wendorff et al. fails to disclose the limitation of *a keypad assembly removably coupled to the handset, the keypad assembly having a latch slot engaging the slide latch, the keypad assembly being latched into the handset by the slide latch* taught by Amended Claim 12.

Sharp discloses a wireless cell phone 2 comprising a handset 4; and a handset cover 6 (FIGs. 1-2, col. 2 lines 8-14). Sharp discloses nowhere a keypad assembly removably coupled

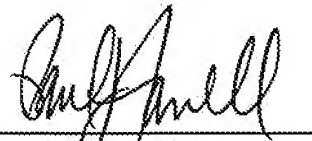
to the handset 4. Sharp, as well as Wendorff et al., fails to disclose the limitation of *a keypad assembly removably coupled to the handset, the keypad assembly having a latch slot engaging the slide latch, the keypad assembly being latched into the handset by the slide latch* taught by Amended Claim 12, and thus fails to cure the defects of Wendorff et al.

Clearly, Amended Claim 12 structurally differs from Wendorff et al., Sharp, or the combination thereof.

Regarding the rejection of Claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), the above rationale for Amended Claim 12 also similarly applies to Amended Claim 13 with respect to Wendorff et al., Sharp, or the combination thereof.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the application, namely, Claims 1, 3-8 and 10-14, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

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